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1. SOVIET APPROACHES TO ALLIES ON MBFR

BELGIAN MBFR REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAENSSEN TOLD EMBASSY BRUSSELS THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND DCM HAD SEPARATELY APPROACHED HIM ON MBFR, STRESSING THAT MOSCOW IS READY TO DEAL SERIOUSLY WITH SUBSTANCE AND BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE AN AGREED CONCRETE PROPOSAL BEFORE YEAR'S END. ADRIAENSSEN THINKS THE SOVIETS MAY REALLY WANT TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING OF SUBSTANCE, ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZES THEIR SHOW OF EARNEST WOULD BE OF TACTICAL VALUE IN PAVING THE WAY FOR A SWIFT CONCLUSION OF THE CSCE COMMITTEE PHASE. WE MUST, IN HIS VIEW CONVINCE OTHERS THAT WE HAVE A SINCERE DESIRE FOR DETENTE, AND NOT JUST A WISH TO HEAD OFF US CONGRESSIONAL ATTACKS. THIS LIES BEHIND THE BELGIAN PUSH FOR THE INCLUSION OF INDIGENOUS FORCES IN A SECOND MBFR STAGE. (CONFIDENTIAL) BRUSSELS 5507, 9/26.

2. STAFFDEL LOWENSTEIN/MOOSE VISIT TO NATO

MESSRS. LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE LEFT BRUSSELS SEPTEMBER 25
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AFTER A NINE-DAY VISIT, AND APPEARED GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE NATO PORTION OF THEIR PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO USNATO. THEY REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT THEIR VISIT WAS FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH CONDITIONS IN EUROPE FOLLOWING THEIR LONG

PERIOD OF CONCENTRATION ON SOUTHEAST ASIA. AS ANTICIPATED, THEIR MAJOR INTERESTS WERE BURDEN SHARING AND NUCLEAR QUESTIONS. NO MAJOR POINTS OF FRICTION EMERGED, THE MISSION REPORTS. QUESTIONING, WHILE SHARP, WAS NOT HOSTILE, AND THE STAFFDEL MADE NO EFFORT TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE NOT AVAILABLE UNDER THE GROUND RULES PREVIOUSLY SET. (SECRET) USNATO 4548, 9/26.

3. CHINA SEA OIL ACTIVITIES MAY PROVOKE JAPAN

A GULF OIL CONSULTANT HAS INFORMED EMBASSY TOKYO THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS ACCEPTING BIDS FOR EIGHT OIL CONCESSION BLOCKS IN THE EAST CHINA SEA WITHIN THE SENKAKU ISLANDS ALSO CLAIMED BY JAPAN. SEVERAL US COMPANIES ARE EXPECTED TO BID FOR SURVEY WORK AND DRILLING. THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE LIKELY TO PROVOKE THE JAPANESE, WHO IN JUNE 1972 WARNED GULF'S SEISMIC SURVEY VESSEL POLLUX TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS IN THE SENKAKU AREA. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 12465, 9/27.

4. THAILAND: ISSUE OF US FORCE REDUCTIONS MAY BE REVIVED

EMBASSY BANGKOK IS CONCERNED THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FURTHER B-52 REDEPLOYMENTS FROM GUAM TO THE US IS LIKELY TO REVIVE THE ISSUE OF US WITHDRAWALS FROM THAILAND AND BRING NEW PRESSURE TO BEAR ON PRIME MINISTER THANOM FOR A REDUCTION OF B-52'S IN THAILAND. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES GUAM B-52 REDEPLOYMENT SHOULD BE LINKED TO REDEPLOYMENT TO TDY B-52'S FROM UTAPAO TO GUAM AND SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH THE THAI. OTHERWISE, US ACTIONS MAY WELL APPEAR AS CALCULATED DISREGARD TO THE THAI AND RESTRICT US ABILITY TO KEEP REQUIRED BASIC FORCES IN THAILAND. (SECRET) BANGKOK 15169, 9/27 (EXDIS).

5. MINTOFF COMPLAINS OF US MEDDLING IN MALTESE AFFAIRS
PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT A
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"WELL-KNOWN STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL" VISITED MALTA TWICE IN 1973 AND HELD SECRET MEETINGS WITH OPPOSITION POLITICIANS. MINTOFF WOULD CONSIDER A CONTINUATION OF THESE ACTIVITIES AN ACT OF HOSTILITY BY THE US AGAINST THE GOM. EMBASSY VALLETTA KNOWS OF NO SUCH US VISITOR, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE SOME SORT OF RESPONSE TO FORESTALL YET ANOTHER MINTOFF TANTRUM. (SECRET) VALLETTA 1909, 9/27 (EXDIS). KISSINGER

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